

**BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
BRADFORD COUNTY, FLORIDA  
1<sup>ST</sup> PUBLIC HEARING TO ADOPT  
TENTATIVE MILLAGE AND BUDGET  
FOR FISCAL YEAR 2003-2004  
SEPTEMBER 11, 2003                      5:30 P.M.**

The Bradford County Board of County Commissioners met September 11, 2003, to conduct the First Public Hearing to Adopt the Tentative Millage and Budget for Fiscal Year 2003-2004. Attending were: Commissioner Mann, Commissioner Thomas, Chairman Cooper, Commissioner Johnson, Commissioner Hersey, Clerk Norman, Jim Farrell, Marlene Stafford and Mark Crawford.

Chairman Cooper called the hearing to order at 5:30 p.m.

Chairman Cooper said that the tentative millage rate is 9.500 mills. The millage rate is broken down in the County Budget as follows:

GENERAL FUND	7.181 mills
FINES & FORFEITURE FUND	2.000 mills
EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES FUND	0.184 mills
HEALTH DEPARTMENT TAXES	<u>0.135 mills</u>
 TOTAL	 <u>9.500 mills</u>

This is expected to generate approximately \$5,357,750.00.

Chairman Cooper asked for comments from the public and the Commission concerning the tentative millage. There was no response.

**Comm. Johnson MOVED** to adopt the tentative millage rate for fiscal year 2003-2004 as set forth above. **Comm. Mann SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Chairman Cooper announced that the tentative budget for fiscal year 2003-2004 is as follows: The total operating tentative budget, including interfund transfers and bond reserves is \$23,245,694.00.

Chairman Cooper asked for comments from the public and the Commission concerning the tentative budge. There was no response.

**Comm. Thomas MOVED** to adopt the fiscal year 2003-2004 tentative budget of \$23,245,694.00. **Comm. Hersey SECONDED** and the **MOTION CARRIED 5-0.**

Chairman Cooper announced that the date for the final adoption of the millage and budget is Monday, September 22 at 5:30 p.m.

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Ms. Norma Green inquired about the property tax notice she received in the mail and the method by which properties are appraised. Chairman Cooper explained that the TRIM notice mailed out was based on 10.000 mills, and the Commission is proposing a reduction in the millage. The Property Appraisers' Office determines the appraised value of properties.

Ms. Green said that each year her property goes up and she does not make any changes and no one ever comes out to look at her property.

Chairman Cooper suggested to Ms. Green that she make an appointment to speak with Mr. Alvarez, or one of his staff members. He then explained the Value Adjustment Board process, when there is a disagreement regarding the value of property.

There being no further business, the hearing was concluded at 5:37 a.m.

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**JOHN WAYNE HERSEY, VICE-CHAIRMAN**

**ATTEST:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**RAY NORMAN, CLERK TO THE BOARD**

These minutes typed by:

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Marlene Stafford, Deputy Clerk